

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application: : Attached  
For : Spring Fastener Having Multifunctional Barbs  
Docket No. : AN18

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

DECLARATION: As below-named inventors, we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in the specification identified below and for which a patent is sought on the invention as titled therein. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a). Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our respective names.

Title of the invention: Spring Fastener Having Multifunctional Barbs  
Patent Specification is attached.

Priority of Provisional Application 60/388,976, filed on June 14, 2002 is claimed  
No earlier-filed foreign application of which priority benefit is claimed.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: The power to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith is hereby granted to Patent Agent Eustathios Vassiliou, Registration No. 34,037.

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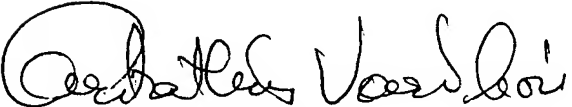
the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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